

Senate Resolution 639

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, SGT Michael "Mike" Stokely was a member of Troop E 108th Cavalry Unit in the 48th Brigade Combat Team serving in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Mike joined the National Guard as a junior in high school in Loganville, Georgia, and signed on for a six-year term; and

WHEREAS, this courageous soldier confronted the dangers, privations, and discomforts of striving to keep the peace in Iraq with fortitude and steadfast resolve, making us as a nation truly proud; and

WHEREAS, SGT Stokely was on foot patrol on August 16, 2005, around the area of Yusufiyah, Iraq, and was killed by injuries suffered when an explosive device detonated; and

WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of SR 54 from the Fayette County line to its intersection with SR 16 be dedicated as the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway, and the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of SGT Mike Stokely and to the Department of Transportation.